

## REMARKS

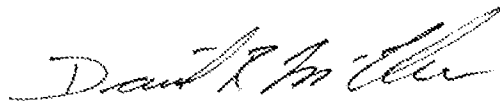
The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and the allowance of claims 7-17. The Office Action, however, tentatively rejected claims 1-6. While Applicant does not agree with the rejections, in an effort to expedite the allowance of claims 7-17, Applicant has hereby canceled claim 1-6. This cancellation is done in reliance on the allowance of claims 7-17, and without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue these claims in a continuing application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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